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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the above-identified application, amend the application as

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A vibration damper with variable damping force, comprising:
a working cylinder filled with damping medium;
a piston fastened to a piston rod arranged in an axially movable manner in said
working cylinder and dividing the working cylinder into two working spaces;
first and second non-return valves arranged in said piston for respectively
providing a damping force for the rebound and compression directions of the vibration damper;
and